

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :  
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-v- : 19-CR-774 (JMF)  
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ROGER RALSTON and CHRISTOPHER WRIGHT, : ORDER  
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Defendants. :  
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JESSE M. FURMAN, United States District Judge:

There is a proceeding in this matter scheduled for **May 10, 2021**. Counsel are directed to confer and, **within two business days of this Order**, submit a joint letter indicating their views on (1) whether the proceeding should be held in person or remotely; and (2) whether, if permitted under the Constitution, the Federal Rules, and the CARES Act, the Defendant consents to a remote proceeding and/or to waiving his/her appearance altogether. Counsel should be prepared to set a trial date at the conference and, to that end, should confer about it in advance (mindful that, COVID-19 issues aside, any trial date would be a firm date) and address the issue in the joint letter as well.

If the Defendant is detained, counsel should identify in their joint letter the facility in which the Defendant is held and his or her USMS No.; if the Defendant is not detained, counsel should indicate whether the Defendant would be capable of participating in a remote proceeding. **Counsel is advised that, for the foreseeable future, some facilities (including the Metropolitan Correctional Center and the Metropolitan Detention Center) may require that any inmate appearing in court be quarantined for 14 days upon returning from their appearance.**

After reviewing the parties' joint letter, the Court will issue an order indicating whether the proceeding will be held in person or remotely. In case the proceeding needs to be rescheduled, counsel should indicate in their joint letter dates and times during the week of the currently scheduled proceeding that they would be available for a proceeding, whether in person or remote. In the event of a remote proceeding, counsel should review and comply with the Court's Emergency Individual Rules and Practices in Light of COVID-19, available at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/hon-jesse-m-furman>.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 26, 2021  
New York, New York



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JESSE M. FURMAN  
United States District Judge